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Allowable Subject Matter

 Claims 13, 15-21, 23-29, 31-34, 36-47 and 50-52 are allowable over the prior art of record and has argued by Applicant's representative in their response 9/3/2008.

Conclusion

 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clement B. Graham whose telephone number is 571-272-6795. The examiner can normally be reached on 7am to 5pm.

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